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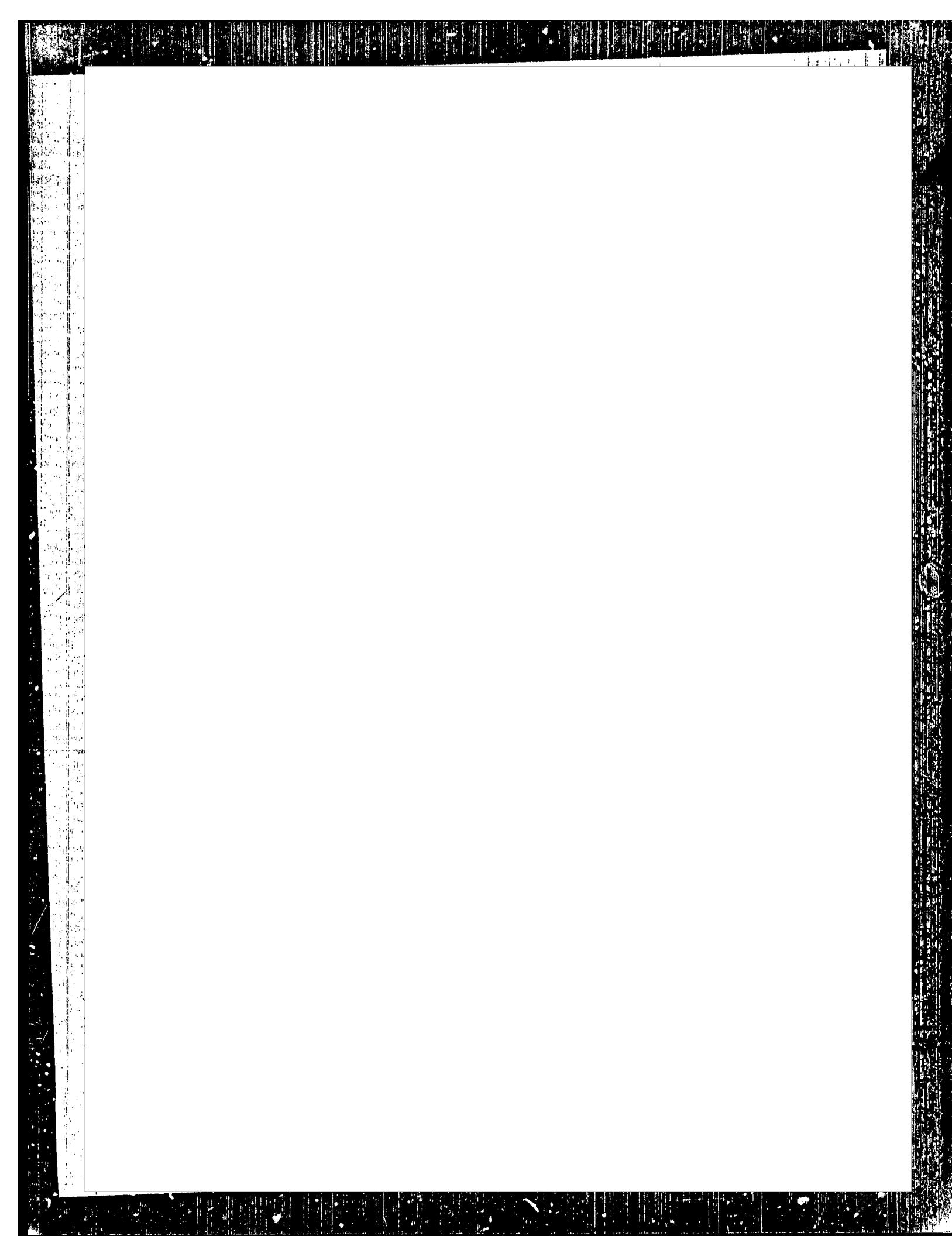
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FRANCE: Improved Accuracy of the S-3 Ballistic Missile

An authoritative French journal has published a description of a recent firing of the new French S-3 IRBM. According to the account, the missile impacted within 180 meters of the center of the planned target after a flight of 3,500 kilometers.

The single-shot results reported in the French press are statistically insignificant. Additional test data are required to determine the missile's average accuracy. This report, along with one in Air & Cosmos, which stated that the S-3 had reached initial operational capability during 1978, suggests that the French are pleased with the results of the test firings and are moving forward with deployment of this system

